Transportation Sector Energy Intensity Trends

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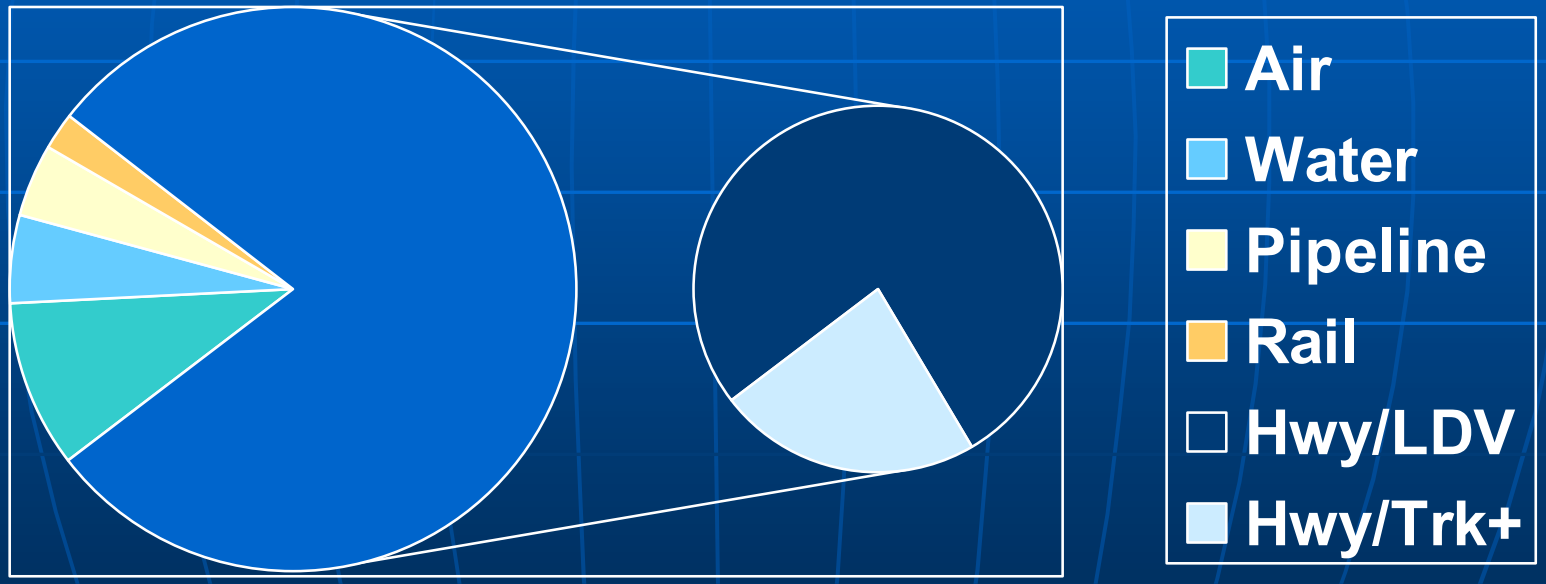
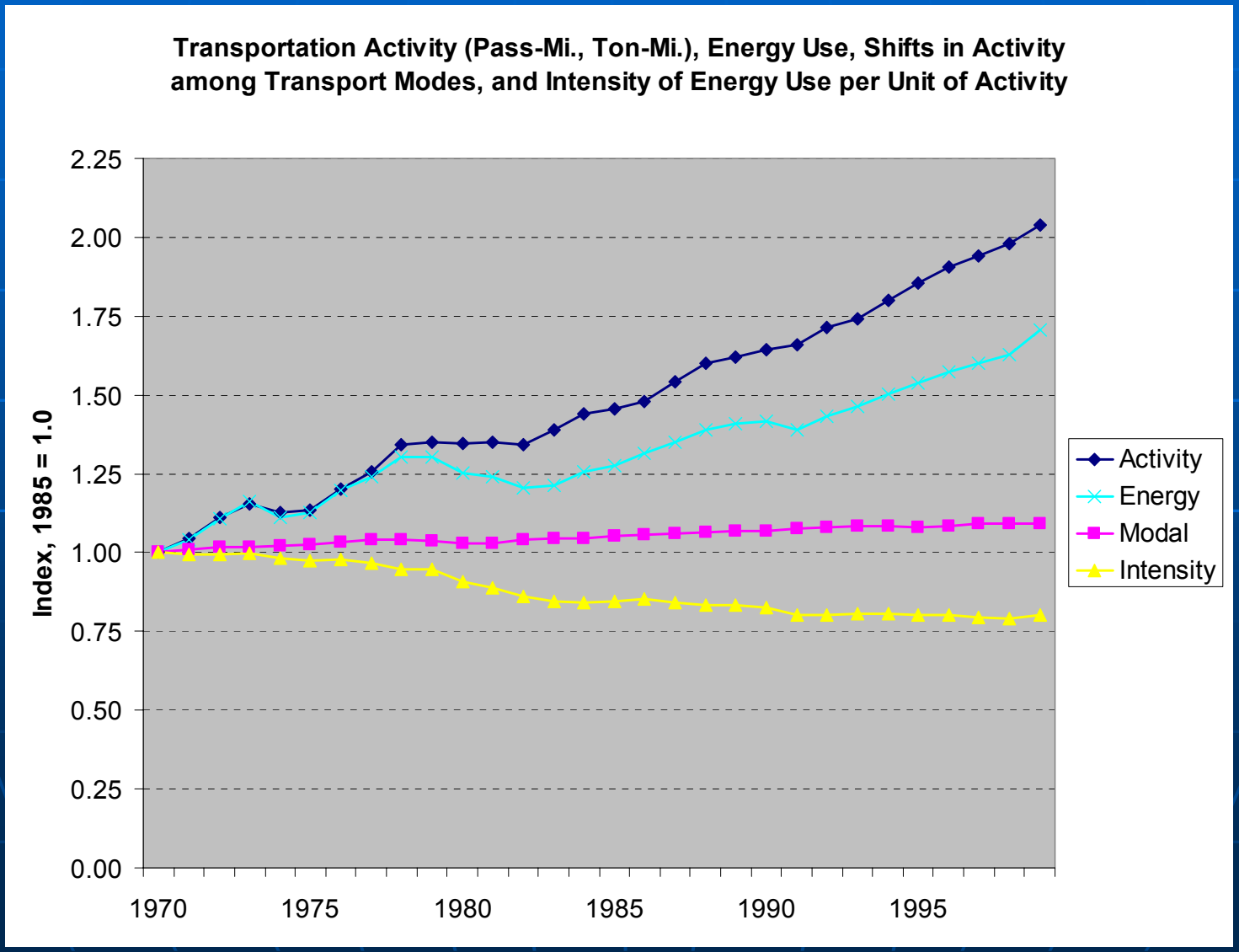
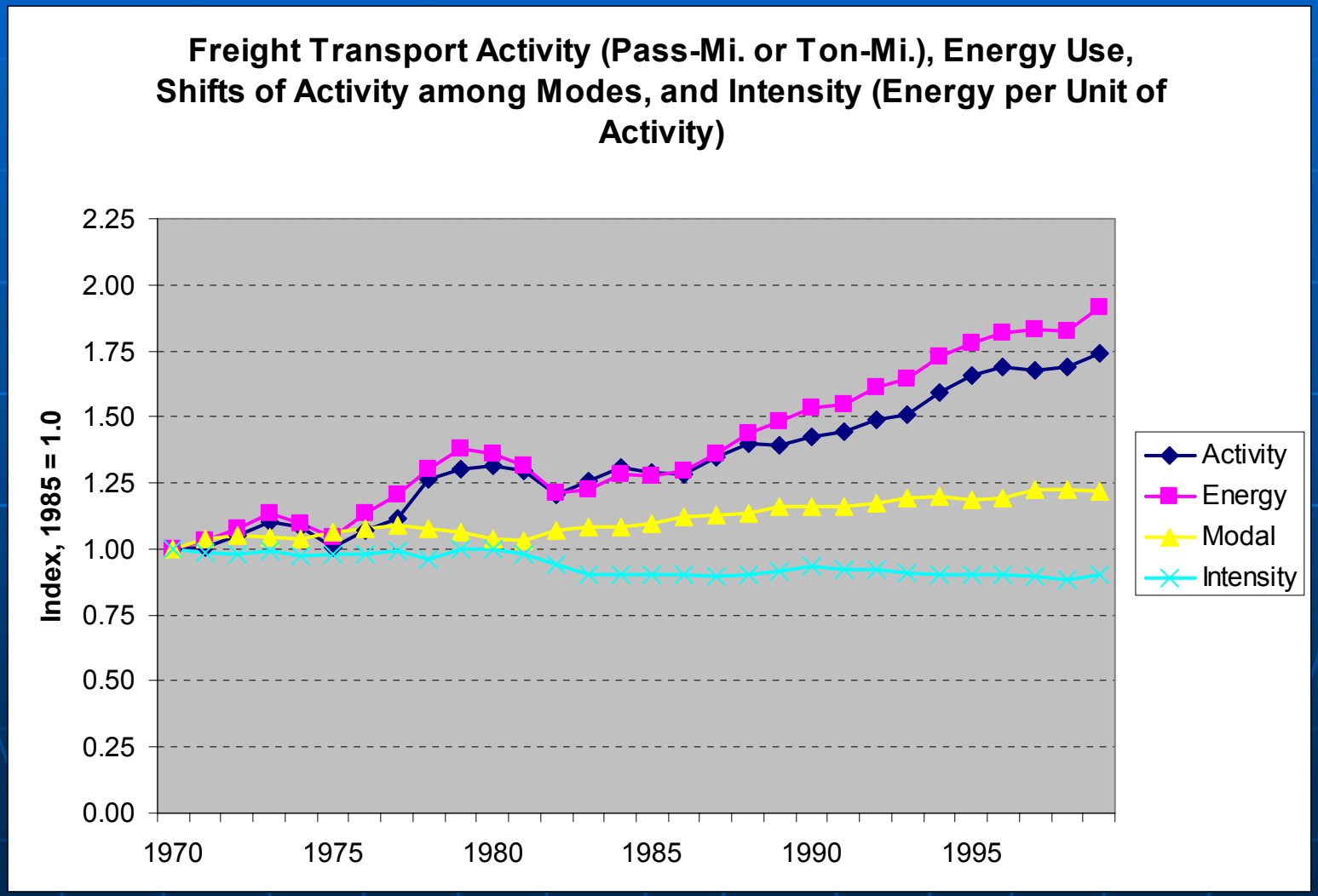
As the highway mode dominates transport energy use, so light-duty vehicles are the biggest energy users on the highways.



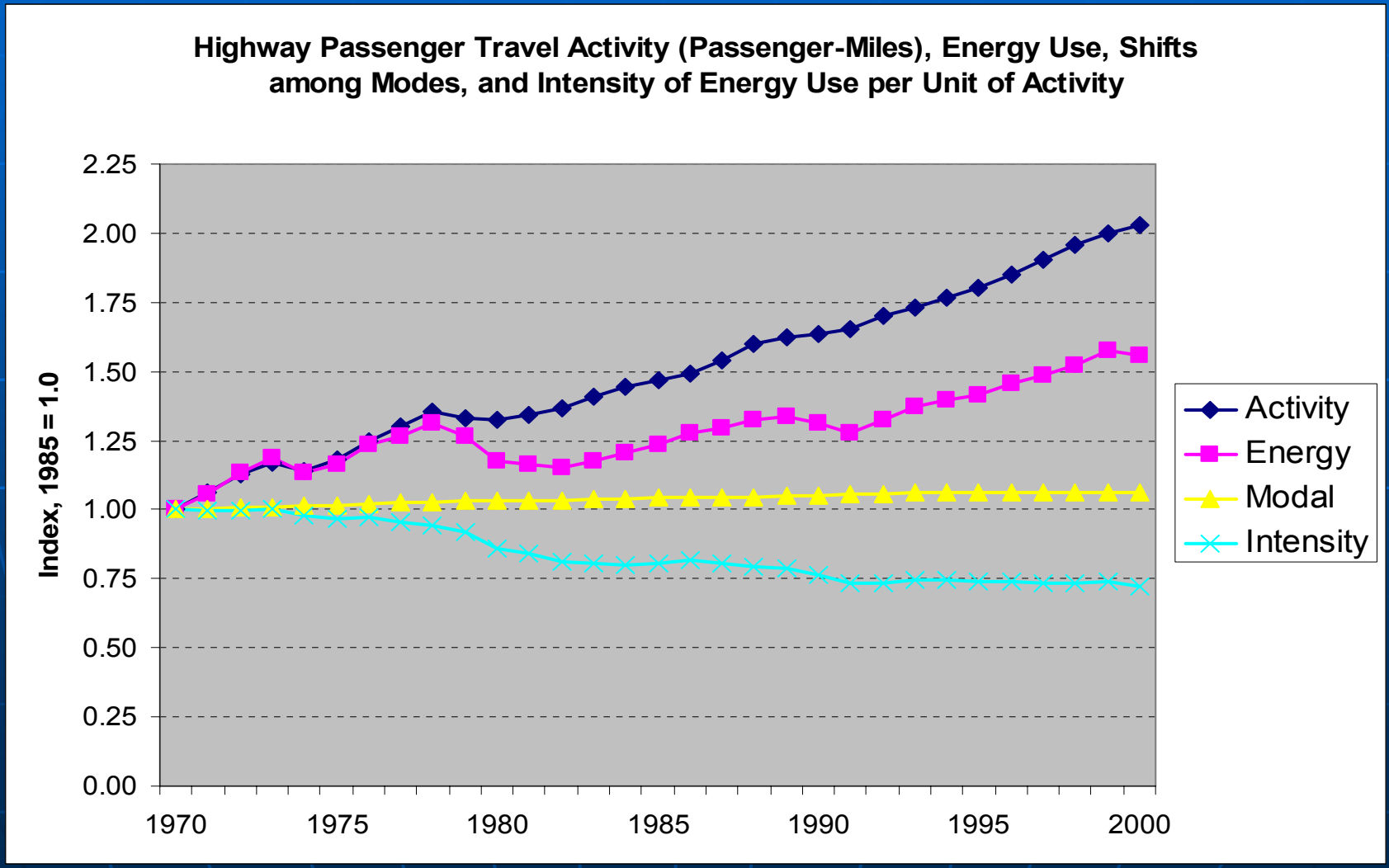
Since 1970, transportation activity has doubled, energy use is up 75%.



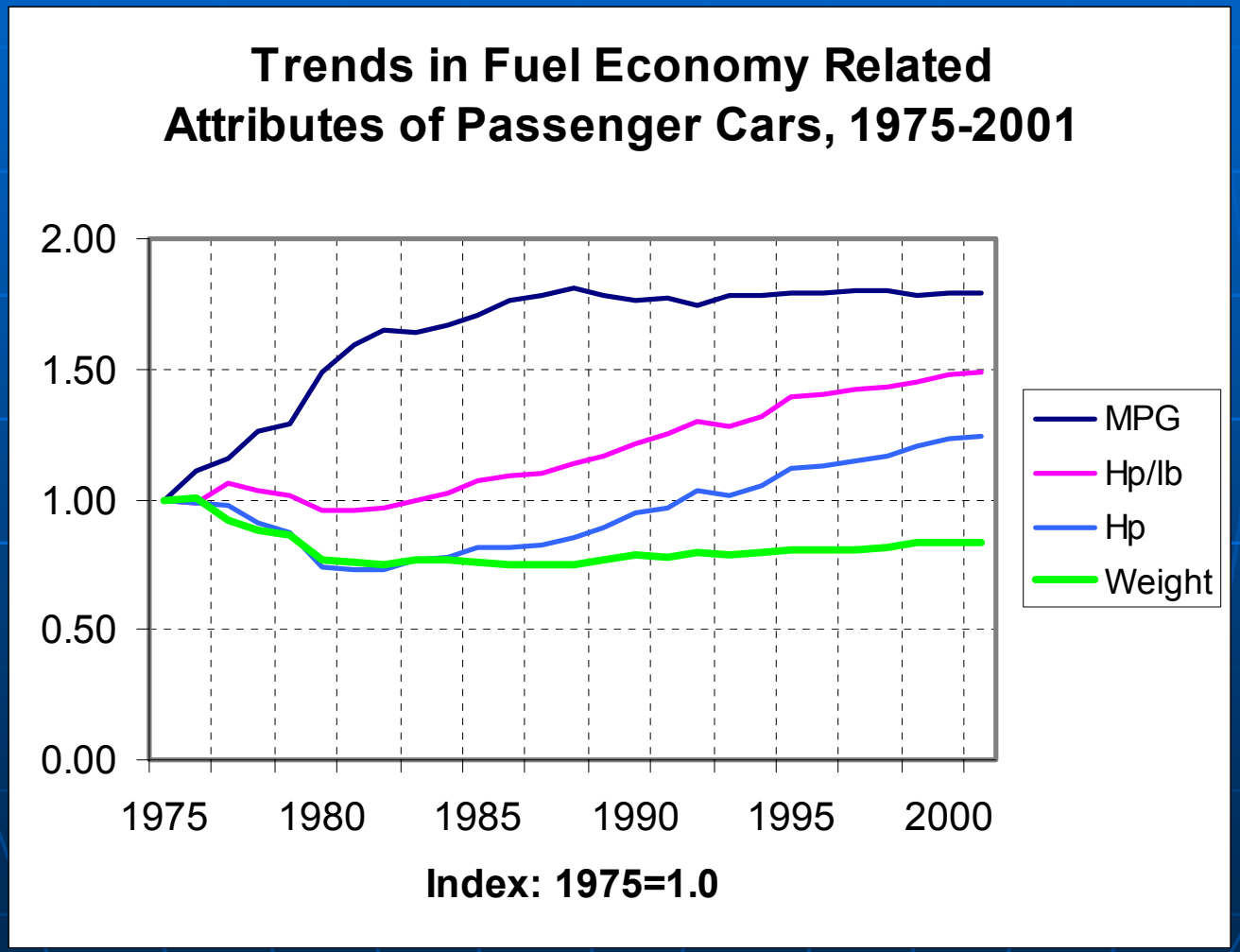
In the freight sector, shifts to energy-intensive modes were more important, intensity improvements more modest.



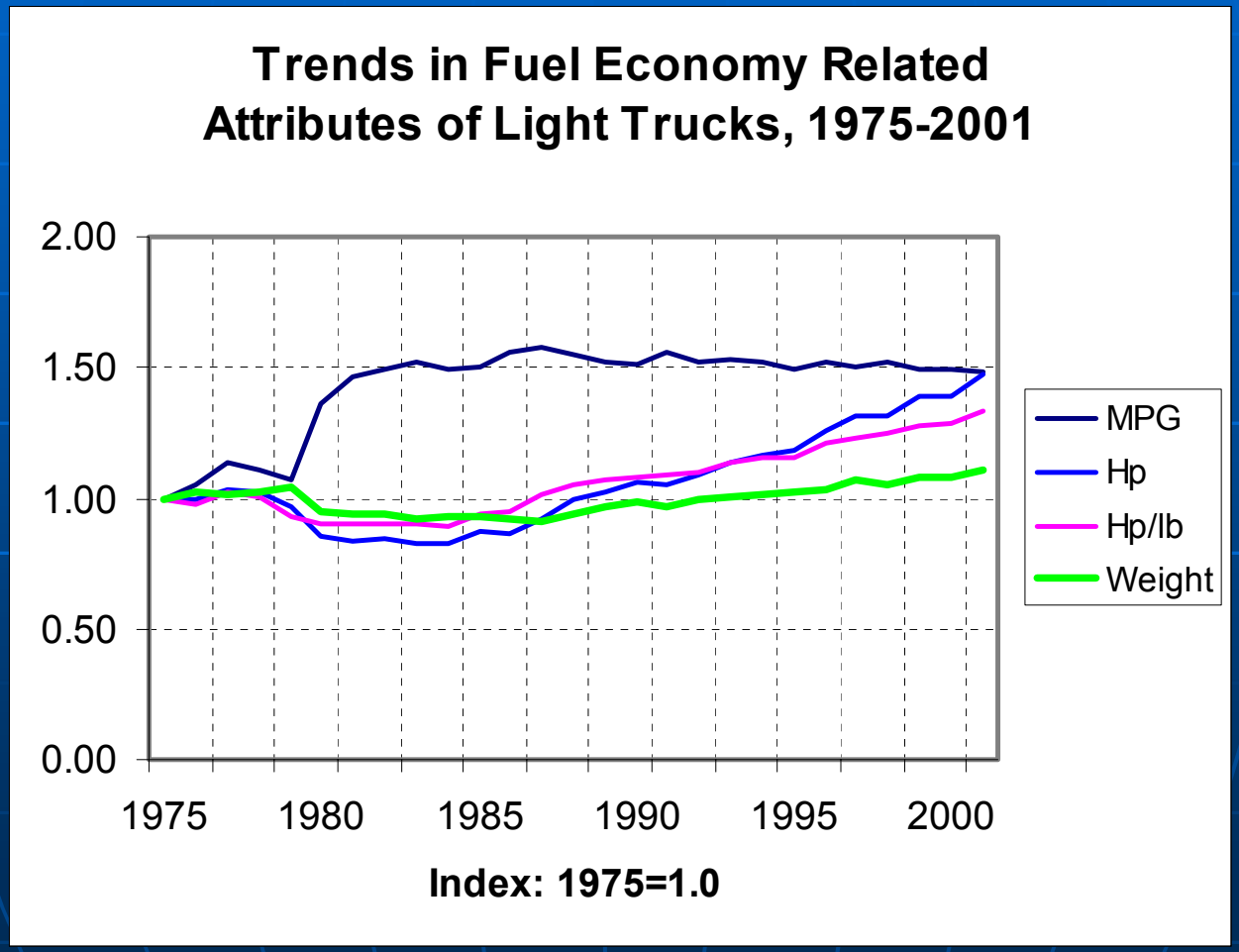
Passenger vehicle energy intensity reductions were diminished by declining vehicle occupancy.



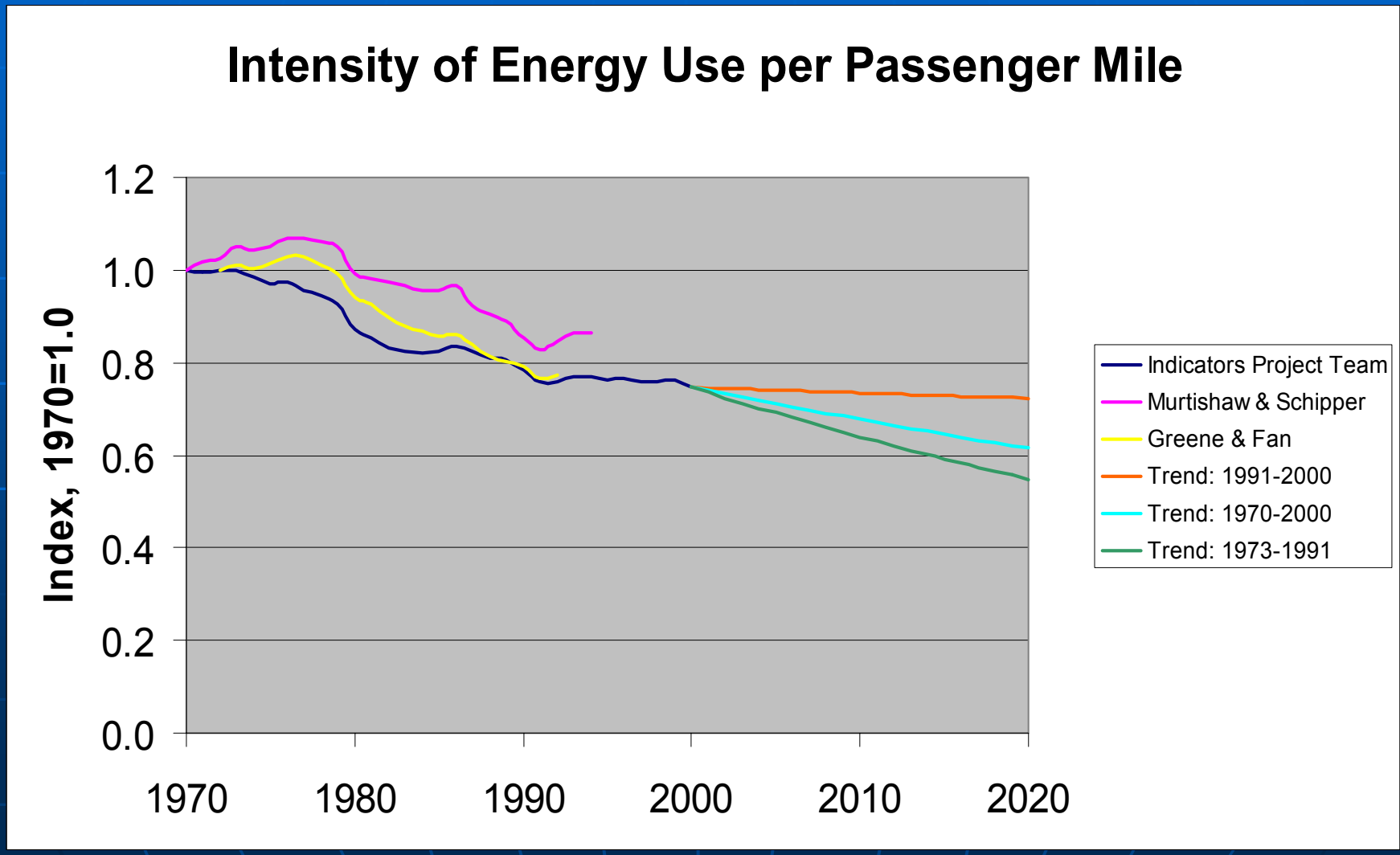
Advances in technology may not go to increasing fuel economy (how measure intensity?).



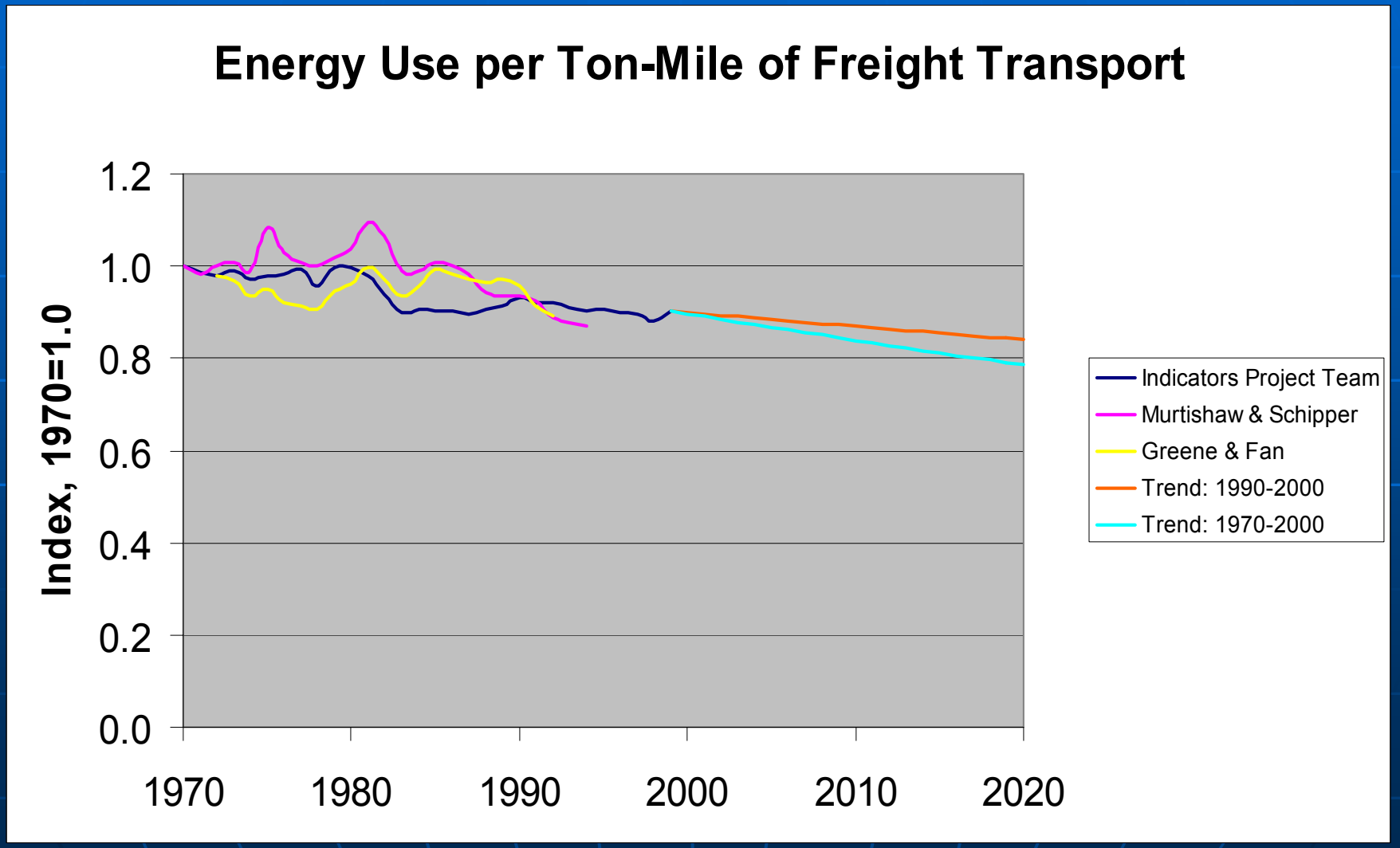
Similarly, light truck MPG has not increased since1983, but power and weight have.



History may tell us little about where future transportation energy intensity will go.

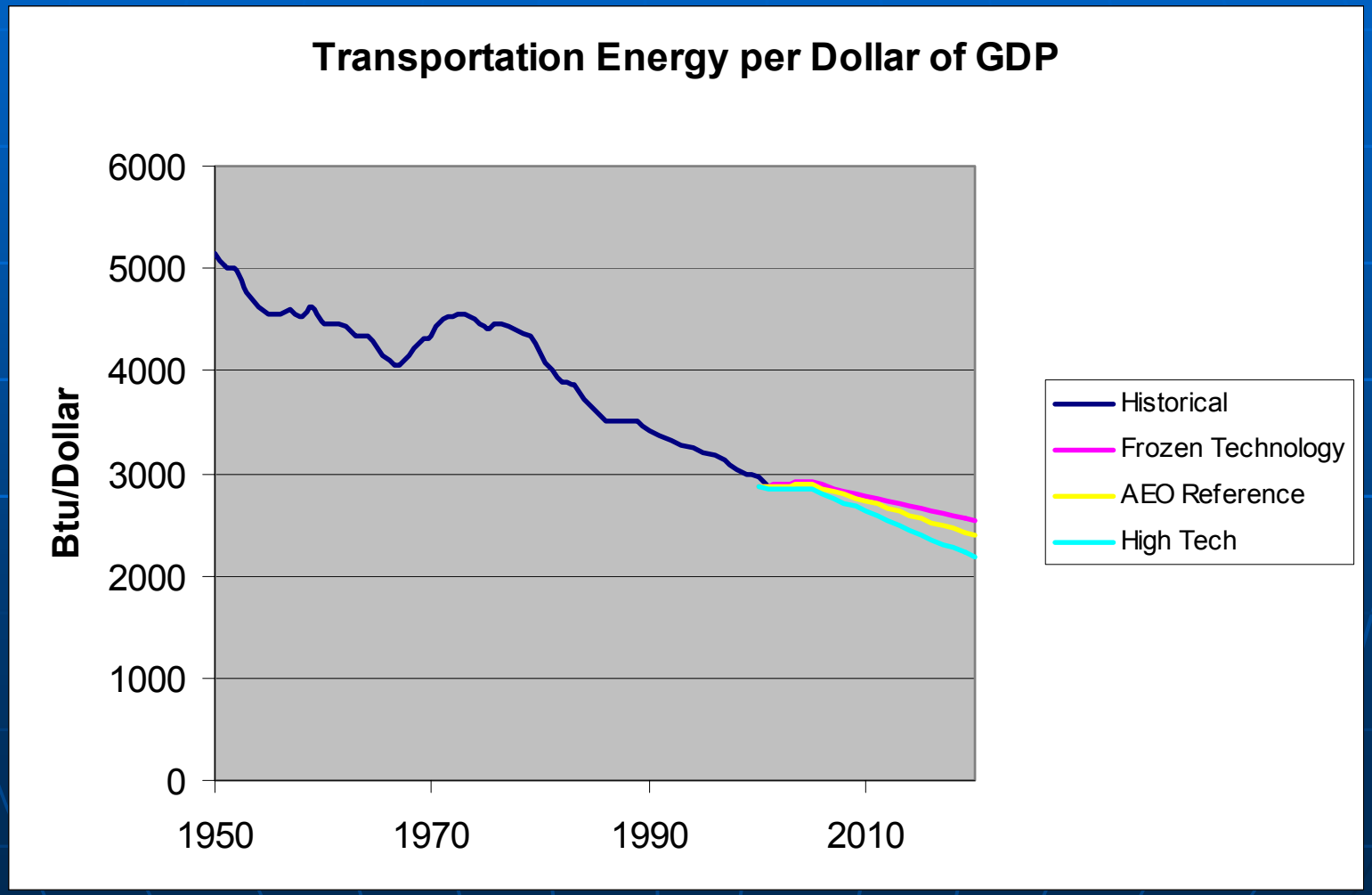


Slower rates of decline in freight energy intensity reflect the opposing effects of modal structure and energy intensity.



Transportation energy use per $ of GDP may be expected to decline in the future.

(historically, at –1.1%/year)



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